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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APPROVED AUGUST 2 BY VOTE OF 225 TO 182 ICHORD
AMENDMENT TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION
BILL REQUIRING THAT RHODESIAN SANCTIONS BE LIFTED
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JANUARY 1, 1979 UNLESS PRESIDENT DETERMINES
THAT FREE ELECTIONS HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN HELD IN
RHODESIA. IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING VOTE ON ICHORD
AMENDMENT, HOUSE REJECTED BY 229 TO 176 VOTE PAUL
FINDLEY'S AMENDMENT THAT WOULD HAVE LIFTED SANCTIONS
IMMEDIATELY.

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2. THE FOLLOWING IS THL TEXT OF ICHORD AMENDMENT ON RHODESIA SANCTIONS (DEPARTMENTAL GUIDANCE PASSED REF (A): SECTION 26, SECTION 533(D) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 IS AMENDED BY INSERTING (1) IMMEDIATELY AFTER (D) AND BY ADDING AT THE END THEREOF THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH:

(2) IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS

SECTION AND THE FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL NOT ENFORCE SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1978, UNLESS THE PRESIDENT SHALL DETERMINE THAT A GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN INSTALLED, CHOSEN BY FREE ELECTIONS IN WHICH ALL POLITICAL GROUPS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE FREELY.

3. COMMENT: THE ICHORD AMENDMENT DIFFERS EXPLICITLY FROM THE RECENT CASE/JAVITS AMENDMENT (TEXT CONTAINED REF (B)) IN THAT IT PROVIDES FOR AN AUTOMATIC SUSPE SION OF SANCTIONS UNLESS THE PRESIDENT MAKES A NEGATIVE DETERNINATION, AND LACKS A REQUIREMENT THAT THE SALISBURY PARTIES MAKE A GOOD FAITH COMMITTMENT TO NEGOTIATE AT AN ALL PARTIES MEETING. ALSO, ICHORD, UNLIKE CASE/JAVITS, CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION OF ELECTIONS. THE ABSENCE OF AN EXPLICT REFERENCE TO THESE CONDITIONS, HOWEVER, MAY NOT NECESSARILY OBVIAT: THEIR USE AS CRITERIA FOR A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER FREE ELECTIONS IN WHICH ALL PARTIES COULD PARTICIPATL HAVE OCCURRED. THE NEXT PHASE OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS CALLS FOR THE TWO AMENDMENTS TO BE TAKEN UP BY A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AUGUST 10. WHILE HOUSE CONFEREES WILL BE SOMEWHAT BOUND BY ICHORD LANGUAGE, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT FINAL VERSION OF AMENDMENT WILL BE MORE ALONG THE LINES OF CASE/JAVITS. MEANWHILE, GRAHAM AND LOW ARE RESUMING THEIR SERIES OF CONSULTA-TIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, IN PURSUIT OF AN ALL PARTIES MEETING.

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